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1. On the artillery practice grounds at Hammelspring there is daily firing practice with mortars and guns. Shooting takes place from ca. 0800 hours until shortly after dark, ca. 1700 hours. The firing points are located at the center of the grounds, approximately on a level with Kaenenburg; the targets are located in the Hangersdorf area. The entrance to the target area is not barred by sentry posts as it was in summer 1951. There are a few lulls in the firing around noontime. Otherwise, two to three rounds fall every eight to ten minutes, one gun firing at a time.
2. The firing area is heavily guarded, partly with the aid of watch dogs. 50X1-HUM
3. On 12 December 1951 truck [redacted] the encampment; passengers with black-and-red shoulder loops bearing tank insignia. Truck [redacted] carrying officers having tank insignia, and motorcycle [redacted] with side car drove in. In the evening at ca. 2100 hours, 3 tanks moved towards Templin. These remained at the loading ramp until 14 December 1951; then they were unloaded. Two of them had five large wheels; the guns were ca. 2.4 meters long, without muzzle brakes, caliber ca. 7.5 cm. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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